

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that the second polymer consists essentially of conjugated diene units or conjugated diene and vinyl aromatic units. Applicants submit that this amendment thus patentably distinguishes the present compositions from those in U.S. Patent No. 4,409,365 to Coran ("Coran") which require that the acrylonitrile rubber contain greater than 20% nitrile rubber.

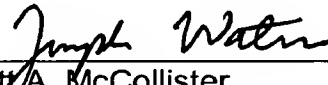
Applicants have also added new claim 23, which recites the reaction product of a maleated polyethylene or a maleated polypropylene and an amine terminated polybutadiene or an amine terminated styrene-butadiene. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification, but particular at page 4, lines 13-30, which indicates that the preferred maleated polymers are polyolefins having 2 to 6 carbons atoms per repeat unit. Polyethylene and polypropylene are included in this group. Support for the recitation of an amine terminated polybutadiene or an amine terminated styrene-butadiene as the second polymer can be found throughout the specification, but particularly on page 5, lines 21-33, which disclose that the second polymer can be a conjugated diene polymer or a conjugated diene-vinyl aromatic copolymer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants submit the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

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